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A.—(a) *Copyists and copyist-examiners in the Revenue department.*—The hon. Member is referred to Board's Standing Order No. 173, section (ii).

*Copyists in the Judicial department.*—Copyists are paid at the rate of 15 pies per 150 words copied, subject to a monthly minimum pay of Rs. 20.

*Examiners in the Judicial department.*—The sanctioned scale of pay for examiners is Rs. 35—40.

(b) & (c) There are no such proposals before the Government.

*Memorial from an amin of Cannanore District Munsif's Court regarding his promotion.*

\* 1735 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorial from one Henry Theodore Peter, permanent senior amin, District Munsif's Court, Cannanore, regarding his promotion;

(b) whether the memorialist has rendered Military service during the war;

(c) if so, whether his Military service and his service in the Judicial department have been taken into account in considering his prayer for promotion; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take on his memorial?

A.—(a) & (d) The Government have not received the memorial referred to.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information.

## Forests

### *Rewards for killing wild animals.*

\* 1736 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the report of the Collector of South Kanara laid on the Council table in reply to my question No. 1424 answered on 25th January 1928; and

(b) whether, in view of the increase in the number of cattle destroyed by wild animals in 1926, the Government propose to give rewards freely for killing wild animals instead of restricting them to deserving cases?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government are unable to accept the suggestion that rewards should be granted in undeserving cases. They are unable to attach the same significance to these statistics as the hon. Member does.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know, Sir, what led the Government to issue instructions to district authorities to give rewards only in deserving cases?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I believe, Sir, that it was due to one of the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee."

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Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"In view of the remarks made by the District Collector will the Government be pleased to define or to make clear what exactly they mean by 'deserving cases'?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"As at present advised I am unable to see that there is much doubt in the matter."

### Local Fund Audit

*Temporary and acting clerks in the Local Audit department.*

\* 1737 Q.—Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of officiating and temporary clerks on 1st January 1928 in the Local Audit department and their qualifications;

(b) the normal period during which they are likely to be confirmed;

(c) whether there are any cases in which officiating clerks were thrown out of service (1) prior to 1st January 1928 and (2) after 1st January 1928, (i) for not producing medical certificates of fitness at the time of confirmation or (ii) for not obtaining the sanction of the head of the department exempting them from age-limit;

(d) if reply to (c) above be in the affirmative, whether the hon. Member will reconsider the cases of those sent out for not obtaining exemption from age-limit; and

(e) whether the same principle that was applied in the cases referred to above will be applied in future also to other officiating clerks in the department and the new entrants?

A.—(a) The number of officiating and temporary clerks in the Local Audit Department on the 1st January 1928 was 31. They are all graduates.

(b) Confirmation depends on the occurrence of vacancies and on the understood principle that the claims of all communities must be considered in making permanent appointments to the department.

(c), (d) & (e) With reference to that principle, in two cases notice has been given to officiating clerks that their services will not be permanently required, but the question of how inequalities of recruitment in this department should be rectified is under examination and these cases will be finally disposed of with reference to the final conclusions that may be arrived at.

### Irrigation

*Drainage scheme for Sengatipuram village.*

\* 1738 Q.—Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether provision has been made in the budget for 1928-29, for the drainage scheme sanctioned for the Sengatipuram village in Nannilam taluk, Tanjore district, and whether the work will be carried out this year?

A.—No, it is a complicated matter and the estimate is not yet ready for submission to Government.